

HOUSE OF COMMONS, APRIL 13.
SECOND READING OF THE BILL.

individuals, but only of classes—(hear, hear)—and that individuals had no right to complain as long as the class was represented. But if the class was altogether unrepresented, or had not its proper share of representation, that admittedly was a grievance. The only thing necessary to be urged was that this theory should be carried into practice. There was one class which had not the benefit of representation, while no

Bill, the future must depend on us certainly. The measures were to follow, it did not at present appear to the House to be required improvements, and the House did not adopt them. (Cheers.) The better way to induce them was to tell them that that power was not by telling them that they made unfair use of it. We were all aware of our responsibility. We knew that we made a thousand mistakes; we knew that we were not infallible. Our opinions were erroneous. If we did we should not continue to hold the erroneous ones. (Hear, hear.) Continue to hold the erroneous ones. If we were to do that against the other assemblies ought to take precautions against their doing the same. We were all aware of mid and previous associations men were without experience in particular matters, they ought to accept of the views of those matters from persons whose habits and associations were such as to give them authority. Each particular class knew something which was not so well known by the other classes of society. He who could lay before them was a member of the working man's trade unions or of the working man's strikes in as satisfactory a manner as the class could lay before them to have it stated. He doubted that even his house could do that. He doubted that (Mr. Fawcett) could do that. There were none of them, he thought, who had not much to learn from these subjects. Probably, along with much valuable information and many useful views, they would have members of the working classes now and then pressing upon the House their ideas of erroneous opinions; and he was not prepared to say that that would be a disadvantage in that House attempts might not be made to discuss some wrong principles into practice. But there was a predominance of giving the working classes such a representation as they thought they should be given, for them was that they should have such an amount of representation as that their opinions should be fairly represented before the House, that they should be met by real arguments, and that they would be able to see that their sentiments should be expressed by men who could enter into their own way of viewing the question which they were interested. (Hear, hear.) When some of the members of the House were in error the working classes held it did as if they were in error to babies. (Hear, hear.) If they condescended to give them it was from premises that hardly any working man would have been able to dispute. If they thought that everything which appeared

would by some means ^{clear} again wriggle out of
this difficulty. (Hear.) The Ethiopian had
not changed his skin. —
Men faithless once are
Give them but scope, and they will be turned again.
("Hear, hear," and all) In the year 1859 the
Ministry had had a change, telling this great ques-
tion. A really genuine Bill was put before
them, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer warned
his present colleagues that

and serious debate, and both those speeches were devoted to the main principle of the bill, one being in opposition to the measure, and the other a most interesting, and admirable argument in favour of the principle. (Loud cheers.) To the speech of the hon. baronet, the member for Hertfordshire, the first, I am sure, must have listened with pleasure and admiration, from the talent by which it was delivered, though I doubt if any of the members

Reform Act of 1832; and, when the right hon. gallant gentleman implies that it was, I should like to ask him whether he has ever given his vote in House in any case for the reduction of our establishments (cheers), and whether he and his colleagues ever hesitated to support, when out of office, or propose when in office, even at an increased cost, to the public,

He notices the exhibition of a very singular monstrosity in the shape of a fish of the barracouta class, having a head resembling that of a trumpet. The fish is about three feet long, and tapers off from the head, which is square, to a point, the tail. It weighed about ten pounds when caught. The back of the animal is fringed with a number of small fins, the only fin that it possesses, and on being examined it was found that the gut extended along the whole length of the body. The skin is porous and scaly, and is covered with a bristly red hair.

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